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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED BY ALMA LONG DISTANCE, LLC TO TRANSFER CONTROL TO ALMA TELEPHONE COMPANY

PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

CC Docket No. 01-351

On December 14, 2001, Alma Long Distance, LLC ("ALD") and Alma Telephone Company ("ATC") pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and section 63.01 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.01, filed an application for consent to transfer control of ALD, which provides domestic interstate telecommunications services.

ALD is wholly owned by ATC. As part of a corporate restructuring and spin off of unrelated ATC assets, a new company, Alma Communications, Inc. d/b/a Alma Telephone Company (hereinafter "ACI") will be created under Missouri law. ACI, which will have the same shareholders, directors and management as ATC, will acquire all of the stock in ALD from ATC. This transaction will result in a pro forma transfer of control of ALD from ATC to ACI. The name, address and telephone number of the applicant are: Alma Long Distance, LLC, P.O. Box 127, Alma, Missouri 64001, (660) 674-2297.

ALD is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Missouri. ACI will be a corporation incorporated in Missouri. Applicants assert that the restructuring of the company will not affect the services offered, and that ALD will provide identical services after the transaction is completed.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The transfer of control request identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer of control application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance

with the Commission's rules and policies. Interested parties may file petitions to deny within 30 days following the release of this Public Notice. Final action will not be taken on the applications earlier than 31 days following the date of this Public Notice.

All filings concerning any or all matters in this Public Notice should refer to **CC Docket No. 01-351.** An original and 4 copies of all pleadings, in accordance with Section 1.51(c) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.51(c), must be filed with the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, 445 12th Street, S.W., TW-B204, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be delivered to each of the following: (1) Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C., 20554, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898; (2) Janice Myles, Common Carrier Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., 5-B145, Washington, D.C. 20554; (3) Nandan Joshi, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th Street, S.W., 8-A820, Washington, D.C. 20554; and (4) William Dever, Common Carrier Bureau, 445 12 Street, S.W., 5-C266, Washington, D.C. 20554.

In addition to filing paper pleadings, parties may also file pleadings using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). *See* Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24,121 (1998). Pleadings filed through ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html. Generally, one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the pleading to each docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic pleading by Internet e-mail. To obtain filing instructions for e-mail pleadings, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. This document may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C., 20554, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail at qualexint@aol.com.

For further information, please contact Tracey Wilson, at (202) 418-1394 or Bill Dever, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau at (202) 418-1578.

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See, e.g., 47 C.F.R. § 63.52(c).

² See 47 C.F.R. § 63.52(b).